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SUBJECT: PRAVDA REFUSES AMNESTY FOR HESS

1. PRAVDA DECEMBER 17 MAKES SOVIET DISINCLINATION TO
RELEASE OF HESS CLEAR IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY TITLED
"BUTCHERS MUST ANSWERS." THE COMMENTARY, BY LEV
STRZHIZHOVSKIY, EXPRESSES SATISFACTION THAT ANOTHER TRIAL
OF WAR CRIMINALS IS STARTING IN DUESSELDORF (G. HACKMAN AND
FIFTEEN OTHERS), BUT SAYS THAT THE WAY THE TRIALS OF OTHERS
CONNECTED WITH THE MAJDANEK CONCENTRATION CAMP HAVE PROCEEDED
WITH THE MAJDANEK CONCENTRATION CAMP HAVE PROCEEDED HAS
CAUSED "QUESTIONING AND CONCERN." STRZHIZHOVSKIY RECOUNTS
AT LENGTH NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF SLOW TRIALS AND CONVICTED WAR
CRIMINALS BEING REALIZED WITH LIGHT SENTENCES, AND THEN SAYS
THAT "THE CAMPAIGN NOW BEING WAGED IN THE FRG FOR AN AMNESTY
OF THE MAIN WAR CRIMINAL, HESS, SHOWS THAT THE NAZI BUTCHERS
STILL HAVE INFLUENTIAL PATRONS." HE CONCLUDES WITH THE COMMENT
THAT THOUGH THIRTY YEARS HAS PASSED SINCE THE END OF THE
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YEAR, "THERE IS NO STATUE OF LIMITATIONS FOR WAR CRIMINALS.

MANKIND DEMANDS THAT THEY ALL RECEIVE THEIR DUE."

2. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MOSCOW INTENDS THE PRAVDA
COMMENTARY TO MAKE QUITE CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT RECEPTIVE TO
ANY FURTHER EFFORTS TO SECURE HESS'S RELEASE.
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